

# PENQUIS DISTRICT: Environmental Health

## Homes Tested for Presence of Radon Gas

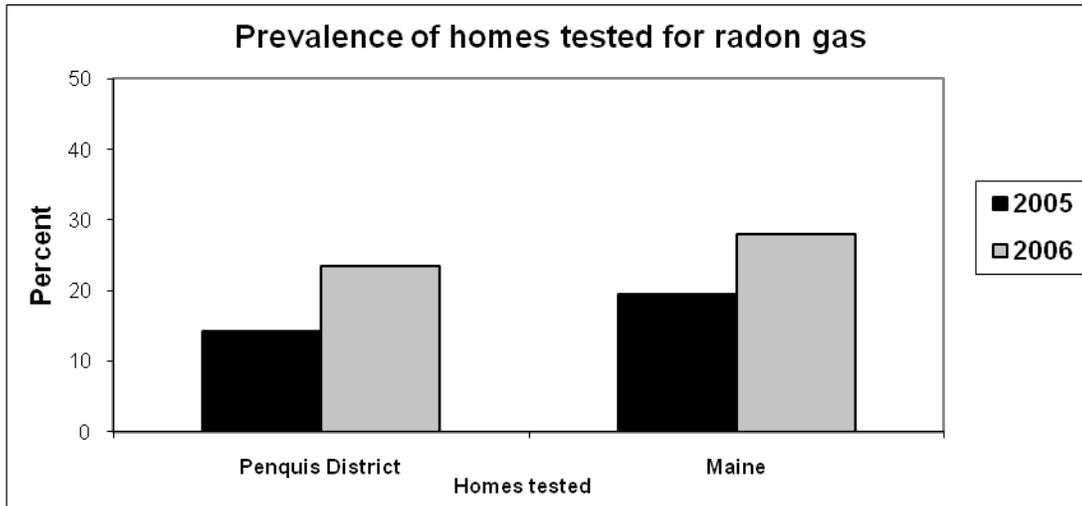
Radon is an odorless and colorless gas and exists in varying concentrations in geographic areas of Maine. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers.

Forty-two (42%) percent of homes in Penquis District had levels of radon (>2pCi/L) in their home where actions should be considered to reduce radon. Radon levels in twenty (20%) percent of homes in the same district were high enough (4pCi/L or higher) where action should be taken to reduce radon levels.

Increasing the number of Maine homes tested for radon is an objective of *Healthy Maine 2010*.

To find out more information about radon in the home go to:

[www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng/rad/Radon/hp\\_radon.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/eng/rad/Radon/hp_radon.htm)



\*Source: 2005-2006 BRFSS. Respondents answering 'yes' to "Has your household air been tested for the presence of radon gas?"

	Penquis District Percent (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Percent (± Margin of Error)
Prevalence of homes tested for radon gas*		
2005	14.2 (±3.4)	19.5 (±1.4)
2006	23.5 (±4.2)	28.0 (±1.6)

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